	Name of District	No. of Places Connected with S.T.D.	No. of Places where Bureaufax facility is provided by D.O.T.
9.	KAPURTHALA	09	1
10.	LUDHIANA	84	4
11.	MOGA	24	1
12.	MUKTSAR	34	—
13.	MANSA	13	—
14.	NAWANSHAR	15	1
15.	PATIALA	25	3
16.	ROPAR	22	2
17.	SANGRUR	90	2
18.	CHANDIGARH(UT)	14	5
		653	33

Telephone Facilities in the Rural Areas

793. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed to provide telephone facilities in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Orissa, Rajasthan, Bihar, Assam etc. during the next two years;

(b) by when this target is likely to be achieved; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) There is no specific target for provision of telephone facilities in rural areas. However, there is specific target for provision of VPTs in rural areas. The details of target to provide VPTs in the rural areas are given in Statement for 1997-98 *(See* below). This target is likely to be completed by the end of financial year i.e. 1997-98 and all out efforts are being made to achieve the target. Target for 1998-99 has not been finalised.

Statement

VPT Targets for 1997-98

Sl No.	Name of the Circle	Target
1.	Andaman Nicobar	181
2.	Andhra Pradesh	3000
3.	Assam	4000
4.	Bihar	12000
5.	Haryana	508
6.	Himachal Pradesh	2500
7.	Gujarat	0
8.	J&K	1200
9.	Karnataka	3000
10.	Kerala	0
11.	Madhya Pradesh	5500

Sl No.	Name of the Circle	Target
12.	Maharashtra	3000
13.	North-East	2000
14.	Orissa	8819
15.	Punjab	1245
16.	Rajasthan	5000
17.	Tamil Nadu	1000
18.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	14000
19.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	8000
20.	West Bengal	8000
21.	Calcutta Telephones	47
	Total	83000

STD facility in Darjeeling

794. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fct that the Telephone system at Darjeeling hills, particularly STD facilities, are in a complete mess; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government to improve the services?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The telephone system at Darjeeling hills is satisfactory. However, STD services to exchanges around Darjeeling presently mostly on over head alignment have been giving trouble and to improve STD services around Darjeeling hills satellite media at Sonada, Sukhiapukuri and Bijanbari is under installation and is likely to be commissioned by 30.9.97. The STD service from Darjeeling town is through Microwave system and is working alright.

Phone on request scheme

795. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the latest status of "phone on request" scheme of the Department of Telecommunications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): Sir, there is no scheme of DOT "Phone on request as such.

However, a scheme called "TATKAL Scheme" to meet the immediate needs for telephone connection to be provided within two weeks on the deposit of Rs. 30,000 (non interest bearing) per connection is in existance. Applicatns under this scheme can register on the priced application form alongwith a payment of Rs. 3000 and the remaining amount of Rs. 27000/- will be collected only if the provision of a telephone connection is feasible within two weeks period.

टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्राप्त करने में लगने वाला समय

796. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) दिल्ली राज्य में "महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लि०" में 3000/- रुपए जमा कराने पर कितने महीनों में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन उपभोक्ता को दे दिया जाता है;

(ख) क्या इन नियमों का पालन दिल्ली के सभी क्षेत्रों में किया जा रहा है, यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;